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For: **METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
PRESENCE OF A TRAIT IN A PLANT
BY TRANSFECTING A NUCLEIC ACID
SEQUENCE OF A NON-PLANT DONOR
INTO A HOST PLANT IN A POSITIVE
ORIENTATION**

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended one month from November 30, 2001 to February 28, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 08010137US07.

A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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